UNUSUAL RECORDS

All records of the unusual species listed below are required to be considered by the Records Committee and it may be assumed that those published in the annual Sussex Bird Report have been fully authenticated. The treatment of species and subspecies reflects the decision by the British Ornithologists’ Union Records Committee to adopt the International Ornithological Congress (IOC) World Bird List with effect from January 2018.

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| Whooper Swan | Temminck’s Stint | Red-rumped Swallow |
| Taiga Bean Goose | White-rumped Sandpiper | Willow Tit |
| Pink-footed Goose | Buff-breasted Sandpiper | Arctic Warbler |
| Tundra Bean Goose | Pectoral Sandpiper | Greenish Warbler |
| American Wigeon | Red-necked Phalarope | Pallas’s Leaf Warbler |
| Green-winged Teal | Grey Phalarope | Radde’s Warbler |
| Ring-necked Duck | Lesser Yellowlegs | Dusky Warbler |
| Lesser Scaup | Pomarine Skua (not spring) | Wood Warbler |
| Surf Scoter | Long-tailed Skua | Barred Warbler |
| All pheasants (except Common) | Puffin | Icterine Warbler |
| White-billed Diver | Black Guillemot | Melodious Warbler |
| All shearwaters (except Manx) | Little Auk | Blyth’s Reed Warbler |
| All petrels (except Fulmar) | White-winged Black Tern | Marsh Warbler |
| Night-heron | Roseate Tern[[1]](#footnote-1) | Rose-coloured Starling |
| Purple Heron | Sabine’s Gull | Dipper |
| White Stork (not released birds) | Ring-billed Gull | Bluethroat |
| Glossy Ibis | Caspian Gull[[2]](#footnote-2) | Red-flanked Bluetail |
| Red-necked Grebe | Iceland Gull | Red-breasted Flycatcher |
| Honey-buzzard | Glaucous Gull | Citrine Wagtail |
| Black Kite | Alpine Swift | Richard’s Pipit |
| White-tailed Eagle | Bee-eater | Olive-backed Pipit |
| Montagu’s Harrier | Hoopoe | Water Pipit[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| Rough-legged Buzzard | Red-footed Falcon | Common Rosefinch |
| Corncrake | Golden Oriole | Twite |
| Spotted Crake | Red-backed Shrike | Common Redpoll |
| Crane | Woodchat Shrike | Parrot Crossbill |
| Stone-curlew | Chough | Serin |
| Black-winged Stilt | Hooded Crow | Lapland Bunting |
| American Golden Plover | Penduline Tit | Cirl Bunting |
| Kentish Plover | Shore Lark | Ortolan Bunting |
| Dotterel | Short-toed Lark | Little Bunting |

In addition, descriptions are required for all races other than the normally occurring one including: Black Brant, Kumlien’s Gull, ‘Continental’ *ater* Coal Tit, Siberian Chiffchaff, ‘Northern’ Willow Warbler, ‘Scandinavian’ *littoralis* Rock Pipit and Yellow Wagtail. However, descriptions are not required for the following sub-species/races: Pale-bellied Brent Goose, *intermedius* Lesser Black-backed Gull, Greenland Wheatear and White Wagtail.

It should also be noted that descriptions may be required for any species seen in unusual circumstances or on an unusual date.

Records of unusual species should be submitted on the forms available from the SOS website or from the Recorder. Completed forms should be sent to the Recorder, preferably by e-mail although postal submissions will also be accepted.

Reports of national rarities as defined by the British Birds Rarities Committee should be submitted to the Recorder either in the same format as above or on forms available from the Secretary of the BBRC.

1. Except for Rye Hbr LNR. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Except for coastal area from Newhaven to Eastbourne. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Except for coastal area from Eastbourne eastwards. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)